

# AUGUST 2024

## THE CARMELITE LIBRARY *Newsletter*



### DEAR FRIENDS OF THE CARMELITE LIBRARY,

What a busy few months we have had at the library already! We've been hard at work sorting through the collection, giving the library a good spring clean, and even discovering some hidden gems among our rare books. Exciting news - we've also installed a brand new bookcase to house our special collections!

We're eager to share all the latest updates with you, including details about our upcoming book sale! Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you amongst the shelves.

Library staff have been working through a long list of overdue items on our system. We have also checked the shelves in order to locate any items that may already have been returned. If you have any long-held items from the Carmelite Library could you please try to locate them and return them to the library so that they are available for other library patrons to borrow. Many thanks for your assistance!

Blessings,

*- The University of Divinity  
Library Team*



## CONNECTIONS: ARCHBISHOP DANIEL MANNIX, RAHEEN AND THE CARMELITE LIBRARY

On July 4th, a large book case was relocated to the Carmelite Library and installed in front of the stage. This large timber bookcase was originally located in the library at Raheen, an Italianate mansion in Kew built in the 1870s. Raheen was the official residence of several Archbishops of Melbourne from 1917-1981, most notably Archbishop Daniel Mannix, who was Archbishop from 1917 to 1963. Subsequent owners of Raheen, the Pratt family, donated the bookcases to the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 1986. Prior to its relocation to the Carmelite Library, this particular bookcase had been housed at Mannix College, a residential college associated with Monash University. The foundation stone of the Carmelite Hall where the Carmelite Library is located was blessed and laid by Archbishop Daniel Mannix in 1918.

So it is somewhat fitting that one of the bookcases from his home of 46 years is now located centre-stage within the Carmelite Library. The lockable top section of the bookcase will be used to house items from the Carmelite Library's Rare Books collection, and items from the Folio collection will be housed on the lower section shelves.



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## RARE BOOKS

Earlier this year, the library was able to acquire two significant volumes of a rare Carmelite text, *Speculum Carmelitanum*. The volumes were published in 1680 and include a series of fine engravings of the life of Elijah. Fr Paul Chandler notes that, the ownership inscription on the title page says "Sum Carmeli Dunckelsphulani, 1696", translated as "I am from the Carmel of Dinkelsbühl, 1696".

Dinkelsbühl is in Bavaria. The Carmelite house there was founded in 1296 and secularised in 1803. Most probably these volumes of the *Speculum* were in the library until the suppression.

A library staff member, Huw Sandaver, has also created a 3D model of the volume's binding.



Featured engraving in *Speculum Carmelitanum*

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## RARE BOOKS CONTINUED

Sixty engravings from the 1748 Italian edition of the works of John of the Cross, *The Wonderous Life of Saint John of the Cross (Vita Mystici Doctoris Sancti Joannis a Cruce)* have been digitised and added to University of Divinity collections on JSTOR.

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Working with the Carmelite Library's Rare Books collection will be a focus in the 2nd half of 2024. A Community Heritage Grant application was submitted to the National Library of Australian in June and we will be notified of the outcome in September. If successful, the grant will facilitate a number of conservation and collection management activities associated with this significant collection.

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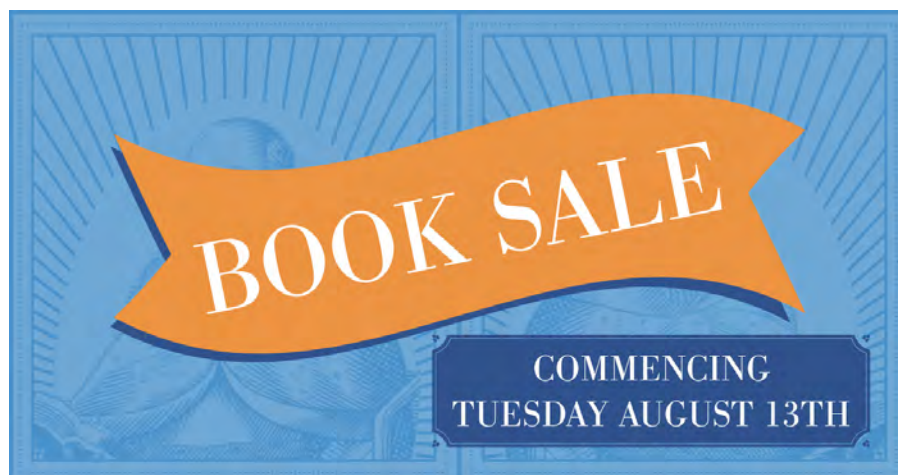


## DONATIONS, DUPLICATES & A BOOK SALE

The Carmelite Library is excited to announce an upcoming book sale! As part of our ongoing collection management efforts, including a recent library-wide journal stocktake, we have identified a number of items that are no longer required for our collection. To ensure these resources find good homes, we have offered them to other theological libraries. Many of these items have already been requested by other libraries, helping others build their collections in both Australia and overseas.

The Carmelite Library has received many donations in 2024 that do not align with the library's primary collection areas. The best of these items will be offered for purchase at a library book sale which will be held in the library **each Tuesday commencing on Tuesday 13th August, 10am - 3pm**. Here, you'll have the opportunity to browse and purchase a carefully curated selection of books to add to your personal library or collection.

We look forward to seeing you soon!







# VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS

The library staff love getting to know our patrons, both familiar faces and new visitors. Whether you drop by on Tuesdays or reach out via email at [librarian@carmelitelibrary.org](mailto:librarian@carmelitelibrary.org), we're always happy to chat and help you find your next great read. We have welcomed many new members in 2024 and invite others to consider taking out membership at the Library.

**EMAIL US**

Each month the Carmelite Library hosts various groups associated with the [Carmelite Centre Melbourne](#).

**VISIT THE CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE WEBSITE**

We welcome expressions of interest from anyone who would be interested in volunteering at the library. Interested? Fill out the form below!

**VOLUNTEER EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**



# UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY NEWS

The Carmelite Library has recently signed a new agreement with the University of Divinity, which formalises the relationship between the two institutions. The library is one of fourteen “[UD Libraries](#)” that are associated with the University and that collaborate on a range of projects.

A huge amount of sorting, cleaning and organising has been undertaken by library staff associated with the University of Divinity, since they assumed responsibility for the management of the library in October 2023. The University team continues to work with the Carmelite Library Interim Board to collaboratively develop recommendations as to the most appropriate long-term structure for the library’s operation.

The Interim Board was pleased to welcome [Professor Megan Cassidy-Welch](#), the University’s new Dean of Research Strategy to the library in April. Megan’s area of research is the cultural and social history of the Middle Ages and her research has contributed to the history of the crusades, memory and history, and medieval Cistercian monastic life. We also look forward to welcoming the new Vice Chancellor [Professor James McLaren](#) when he visits the library in September.

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# LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP & BORROWING RIGHTS

By becoming a member of our library, you gain exclusive access to a treasure trove of knowledge that will enrich both your mind and soul. You are welcome to sign up at any time!

Members can then borrow up to 10 items from the library collection for a period of 3 weeks. While onsite all patrons also have access to the online resources available through the [University of Divinity Library Hub](#).

**Free membership** is available to Carmelites, Lay Carmelites, and students and staff of the University of Divinity.

Borrowing Rights:

- Staff and HDR students of the University of Divinity can borrow up to **25 items for 10 weeks**.
- Students and Carmelite members can borrow up to **20 items for 3 weeks**.

External Membership Pricing:

- Membership: \$80 for 12 months from day of joining.
- Concession card holders: \$40 for 12 months.
- External members can borrow up to **10 items for 3 weeks**.

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Tuesday  
10am - 3pm

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